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PLAYING AT SOLDIER

HOYT'S inimitable burlesque, entitled "The Tin Soldier" finds a striking analogy in the present situation in Washington. Secretary of War Baker takes a fling at the veteran soldiers on the frontier and over the border with a drastic and insulting message to the effect that these men raised in the field of Mars and confirmed in the most rigorous discipline have not as much sense as a schoolboy and that they are easily misled into accepting the gossip of hobos for stern truth in transmitting official messages to Washington. Baker is young enough to be the son of these men of affairs who have been led into the jungles of Mexico by loyalty to country and devotion to the principles of their fathers. The bureaucrats, enveloped in red tape and fettered with egotism, arrogate to themselves the right of criticizing the leading generals of the United States army by lecturing them as though they were a lot of irresponsible imbeciles. The secretary of war has never been in the west and his knowledge of the west is of the academic character that teaches the young idea that Toledo and Cleveland are in the west and their residents are of the breezy and adventurous character as those 2000 miles towards the setting sun. Mr. Baker is a young man who has been spoiled by a successful career in politics and therefore he is apt to take himself and his ideas too seriously. In catechizing Gen. Bell and Gen. Funston as to the sources of their information regarding the movements of Villa in the alleged raid on Chihuahua, Mr. Baker shows an absence of the first sense of military law. When a soldier who has won his stars and bars by fighting Indians on the American frontier years before Baker was born, or who has had his share of civilizing the Moros in spite of the hectoring of politicians at Washington, reports to his civilian superior at the capitol that certain events have transpired, it is the height of impertinence to have such report rejected with the statement that the three Mexican envoys declare the story is untruthful, implying that the highest generals of the United States service are nothing more than emissaries in the employ of the bandit Villa, it is enough to make one's blood boil. The eagerness of the administration to placate the Carranza government and discredit its own officers is obvious and the latest indication of this frenzied friendship is sufficient to make the spirits of Generals Grant, Sheridan and Sherman groan in their graves.

BEST ONE OF THE BUNCH

RAY'S Elegy printed weekly in Carson City, as a house organ of the Democratic administration, indulges in uncalled for vilification of the one man who essayed to place the University of Nevada in the true light before the public and in spite of the opposition of the timeservers at the head of that institution. The following paragraph, written by United States Marshal Gray, shows how the federal officeholders cackle when they succeed in downing a man who was masterly enough to preserve his personal independence when all others bowed the knee to Baal. Here it is:

"Men are usually judged by the company they keep. Regent Walter Pratt allowed himself to be used by the Reno Journal in its efforts to discredit the University of Nevada. He will now be allowed to retire to private life while the university continues to grow and receive the encouragement and assistance of every true Nevadan. The knocker seldom wins."

The truth is that the Democratic machine would not stand for the exposure of the political trucking of the university employees and the conversion of that noble institution into a rodeo for the Pittman adherents where they could whip into line the disaffected members of the party. Walter Pratt is one man in the state to whom every citizen should take his hat off. Regardless of party affiliation, the Bonanza believes the Republicans would have done the right thing had they nominated Pratt as a protest against the machinations of the Democratic machine. Such a course would have resulted in keeping Pratt where he is for another term and where he established the right to belong. The university machine is rotten to the core. The university is steeped in politics, politics, politics. Nothing but politics. Nevada should be proud of the excellence of the courses maintained for the benefit of the rising generation, but the management of the university does not give the public half a chance to be proud of anything the regents have a hand in making. The fact that the university has made progress is due more to the fact that the students are an earnest minded body not prone to frivol away their time. Walter Pratt is a man of deeds and not words and the only man among the regents who stood for a square deal in treating the taxpayers as though they were stockholders in the university and therefore entitled to information about the uses to which their money was applied. All hail to Walter Pratt. It is too bad that Nevada has not more of the same class of men who conscience has not been atrophied by contact with the palsy influence of politics.

PROOF OF CONFIDENCE

THE sugar factory at Fallon announces that the concern will resume its sweet campaigning next season. The acreage signed is not up to expectations, but there is ample prospect for other districts to come in with pledges that will enable the capitalists interested in the factory to make an excellent record. The management undoubtedly feels that the next president will be a Republican and that the well known Republican protective policy will insure the company a fair return on the investment. The farmers of Lovelock and the Humboldt Sink are taking a lively interest in the manufacture of sugar and there is every reason for believing that by next year the company will have an actual acreage planted to sugar beets that will enable the plant to run for the greater part of the winter season in grinding the beets raised in Nevada.

The voters of Nevada should give this matter their most earnest consideration when they go to the polls in November, for on the result may depend the establishing of a permanent and highly profitable industry in this state. The one trouble hampering the

farm growth of Nevada has been the distance from market, necessitating feeding most of the products raised on the farms, but with ever increasing population it behooves all citizens to bestir themselves and do what they can to clinch the retention of this great industry.

High prices for print paper may explain why so many exchanges are using pages of the Congressional Record for mailing wrappers. This is about the best Congress could do in cutting down the high cost of living.

If Wilson does not speed up his typewriter King Constantine will beat him to first place.

THE STROLLER

BY L. B. (LETSO) BALLIET

For some years I have occasionally written short articles for publication in various papers under this head. Some have been intended to amuse, and some to make the readers think. Never are they intended to offend. Friends of this paper, and I hope to make more. If my views differ from yours, I grant you the right to your views just as freely as I claim the right to my own. If your politics differ from mine, you have every right to your own convictions, the same as I have to mine, and I will still be your friend. I shall pay for this space at advertising rates and thus be sure it will not be crowded out by more important matter.

THE MAN WHO FOOTS THE BILL

Do you realize what high taxes mean to THE MAN WITH THE PAY CHECK? I will try to show you. The butcher buys his meat of the rancher at 6c to 7c a pound on hoof, and 12c to 12½c when it is dressed and ready for the block. The rancher gets no more from the BUTCHER SHOPS for his meat when the taxes are 4c on the dollar than when they are 2c on the dollar. He has to pay double taxes on his land and on all his cattle and sell his meat for the same price. But the meat company, when taxes are high, adds the taxes to the selling price, as "costs of doing business." Then he figures that his meat costs him the amount of the taxes, too, and RAISES THE PRICE OF MEAT, and the man with the pay check foots the bill. So with the grocer, so with the sailor, and so with the merchant, and the man with the pay check is the goat.

If the taxes are raised in Nye county on the Standard Oil Co., they simply add the extra taxes as the cost of doing business, and raise the price of gasoline in Tonopah. They have to or go out of business. Not so very long ago, gasoline, which is selling for about 19 cents a gallon in California, was selling in Tonopah for 30c a gallon, and when the tax assessor stuck high taxes on all the gasoline and oil in their Tonopah warehouse they simply raised the price of gasoline to 31 cents in drums. And the man that buys gasoline pays the bill. If you could reduce their tax rate, the price of gasoline could be reduced, and give them the same profit they are now getting. So with groceries, vegetables, drygoods, and everything.

Thus it is inefficient men in public office make high taxes and INCREASE THE COST OF LIVING by just that much. The taxes in 1915 amounted to \$295,000; this year they

will be much larger, and it is the rancher and the man with a pay check who must pay them.

The payroll of labor in this county is about \$250,000 a month, in round numbers, and the taxes amount to \$250,000 this year. The man with the pay check pays them; thus ONE MONTH'S WAGES GO TO TAXES and you work twelve months for eleven months' pay. One twelfth of all you earn goes to the courthouse. Every time you spend a dollar eight cents goes to the "taxeaters." The saloon men pay license and taxes, and put on revenue stamps; so do the druggists. How long, O Lord, how long will we stand this? We have stood it long enough, and now we demand the same efficiency in public office that is demanded in private business. Your taxes can be reduced ONE HALF, if you'll only put some efficiency men in the offices, men who can and will handle the business IN THE PUBLIC'S INTEREST.

As an efficiency engineer, schooled in the Science of Economics, I make the statement that NYE COUNTY TAXES ARE DOUBLE WHAT IS NECESSARY. I can prove it to you, and I will show you, if you'll give me the chance.

I am a candidate for the office of Sheriff and Assessor, and if I can't show you, I won't draw any pay. If I can't save you anything and can't do better than has been done, I'll not be worth paying.

I'd like to have the office on 25 per cent of what I can save, and so would the Republican candidates for Commissioners, no doubt, and give you better results for what they do spend than the present gang gives for all the taxes and borrowed money they have spent. Mr. and Mrs. Taxpayer, and Man With The Pay Check, you have to pay back the money they borrowed from next year's taxes.

BEN. D. LUCE CANDIDATE FOR THE NEVADA ASSEMBLY

Ben. D. Luce, who has been engaged during the past eleven years in mining in this state, appears as a candidate on the Democratic ticket for the assembly. Mr. Luce is one of the best known men in the county, as he has been closely identified with local interests the greater part of his time. He is now working over a

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score of men on the tallings pond of the Belmont, where he is saving the sweepings. Mr. Luce is a conservative citizen and taxpayer who is not prone to give his vote to any measures of an extreme order.

NEVADA CATTLEMEN BUY HAWAIIAN ISLAND

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 23.—The island of Lanai, of the Hawaiian group, has been purchased by U. S. Senator Key Pittman, of Nevada, and a group of wealthy Nevada cattlemen, according to H. I. Lorentsen, who arrived here today from Honolulu.

The deal, which Lorentsen said he negotiated, involved over \$1,000,000. He gave no details, but said he was on his way to Nevada to collect cattle for transportation to Lanai.

WIFE OF PASTOR DIES

Mrs. Fred C. Thomson, wife of the pastor of the Goldfield Presbyterian church, died Wednesday night at the home of her parents in Pasadena.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE Fifth Judicial District of the State of Nevada, in and for the County of Nye, in the matter of the estate of Milton R. Hightower, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the undersigned has been duly appointed and qualified by the District Court of the Fifth Judicial District of the State of Nevada, in and for the County of Nye, as administrator of the estate of said Milton R. Hightower, late of said County, deceased.

All creditors having claims against said estate are required to file the same, with proper vouchers attached, with the Clerk of the Court, within forty days of the first publication of this notice.

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